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SYMPOSIUM ON PENTECOSTALISM AND TRANSNATIONALISM

Speakers

Andrew West, ABC
Mark Hutchinson, University of Western Sydney
Marion Maddox, Macquarie University
Cristina Rocha, University of Western Sydney
Dr Annalisa Butticci, Harvard University

Date

Thursday 1 August 2013

Time

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Venue

University of Western Sydney
Bankstown Campus
Building 3 Room 55

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Symposium will be launched by Andrew West, ABC

Andrew West is a long-time journalist and broadcaster. He has been a senior reporter at The Sydney Morning Herald, The Sun-Herald and The Australian. He is the author of two books, *Bob Carr: A Self Made Man* (Harper Collins, 2003) and *Inside The Lifestyles of the Rich and Tasteful* (Pluto, 2006). His piece on Kevin Rudd's faith was featured in *The Best Australian Political Writing* (MUP, 2008) and his profile of the Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Peter Jensen, was a cover story in *The Monthly* in Dec-Jan 2005-06. His work has also appeared in leading international publications, including *The Monthly*, *The New York Times*, *The South China Morning Post* and *The Christian Science Monitor*, where he has been a contributing correspondent. In 2009 he presented and produced The New Politics for RN's Background Briefing. In 1997 and 1998, Andrew was an editor and reporter with a news agency in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the University of Sydney (BA Hons., politics and modern history) and Columbia University in New York City (MSc.), which he attended on an International Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship.

'A 'techne' of globalisation: The Export of the American Gospel and other myths'

Mark Hutchinson, University of Western Sydney

With the emergence of Pentecostalism as an object of academic study, modes of treatment have gone through a number of stages. Because the academy, as a whole, comes at Pentecostalism from the outside, and the literature from the inside is not oriented towards self-explanation, the tendency is to subjectivize it, with the result that it often appears as an extension of the particular program or view of the academic addressing it. For Walter Hollenweger, it was a thorn in the side of that other globalisation, liberal ecumenism. For Harvey Cox, it is a source of data which answers questions about counter-secularisation. For Steve Brouwer, it is part of the story of the export of the American gospel, the global expansion of a procrustean Christian fundamentalism. All of these are useful additions to an emerging field. What unites these studies, however, is that none of them describe the internal dynamic of Pentecostalism, but (having methodologically disassembled local variants) use it as an exemplar of other processes. This paper suggests that the internal stories of pentecostals are a source for understanding the movement as a form of 'techne' for dealing with rapidly changing contexts, in particular those associated with globalisation.

Mark Hutchinson BA (Hons), Dip Ed., PhD (NSW) is an intellectual historian living in Sydney, Australia. He has been University Historian and remains a core member of the Religion and Society Research Centre at the University of Western Sydney. From 2000 he was appointed Head of History and Society at Southern Cross / Alphacrucis College, where he was consecutively Dean of the Graduate School, Dean of Academic Advancement, and Reader in History and Society. He has been a productive writer and speaker in national and international forums, including involvement as Assistant Director, Currents in World Christianity Project, Cambridge University (1998-2002), Hollenweger Lecturer at the University of Birmingham (2012), and editor/publisher of and/or contributor to over 90 academic books and articles. Mark's recent publications include the *Cambridge Short History of Global Evangelicalism* (with John Wolffe, CUP, 2012), and later this year, his history of the University of Western Sydney (*A University of the People*, Allen and Unwin). He is currently Dean of Humanities and Academic Projects at The Scots College, Sydney.

'Flight of the Kiwi'

Marion Maddox, Macquarie University

Three of Australia's most successful megachurches are Pentecostal, and have sparked global networks of congregations, modelled on and often named after the parent church. As at 2013, Hillsong claims 13 offshoots globally, with over 20,000 attending the parent congregation in Sydney; Christian City Church claims over 300 congregations around the world, with some 8,000 attending the original Oxford Falls campus in Sydney; and Christian Outreach Centre claims more than 1000 churches in 40 countries, with over 6,000 congregants at the parent church, Brisbane's Citipointe. In turn, these networks' founding spirit blew in from New Zealand: Hillsong and Christian City Church were founded by New Zealanders, and Christian Outreach Centre by an Australian who worked closely with, and was profoundly influenced by, New Zealand Pentecostal leaders. A striking feature of these church networks is that their spread is not only, or even mainly, to traditional mission fields (such as Asia, the Pacific and Africa), but into the traditional "sending" countries of Europe and North America.

"Flight of the Kiwi" harnesses theories of transnationalism to analyse this reverse movement of the Spirit—from the periphery to the metropole.

Marion Maddox is Professor and Australian Research Council Future Fellow in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Macquarie University. She holds PhDs in Theology (Flinders, 1992) and Political Philosophy (UNSW, 2000) and has held several distinguished fellowships, including the Australian Parliamentary Fellowship (1999-2000), where she wrote her first book, *For God and Country: Religious Dynamics in Australian Federal Politics*. She was a visiting professor at the Observatoire du Religieux, Sciences-Po-Aix in 2010 and 2012. She writes widely on religion and politics, including *God Under Howard: The Rise of the Religious Right in Australian Politics* (Sydney: Allen & Unwin 2005). *Taking God to School: The End of Australia's Egalitarian Education* will be published by Allen & Unwin in 2014.

Transnational Pentecostal Connections between Australia and Brazil

Cristina Rocha, University of Western Sydney

The paper examines transnational flows of Pentecostalism between Australia and Brazil. It analyses the establishment of CNA, a Brazilian church which caters for the increasing number of Brazilian students in Sydney. It also investigates the ways in which Hillsong, an Australian Pentecostal megachurch, has influenced CNA and has been luring young Pentecostal Brazilians to Australia. Scholars have paid little attention to how religious institutions in the host country may influence rituals and facilitate the establishment of the new church. I argue that churches created by migrants are not established in a deterritorialised diasporic vacuum. Reterritorialisation engenders hybridity. Following an admiration for Australian churches due to Australia being part of the English-speaking developed world, CNA is a hybrid of a conservative Brazilian Baptist church and the very informal Hillsong church. I contend that it is precisely this hybridity which makes young Brazilians adhere to it since the church works as an effective bridge between Brazilian and Australian cultures. Furthermore, this paper demonstrates the polycentric nature of Pentecostalism, as Australia is becoming a centre for the dissemination of Hillsong-style Pentecostalism in Brazil.

Cristina Rocha is a Research Fellow at the Religion and Society Research Centre and a Senior Lecturer at the School of Humanities and Communications Arts, UWS. She was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Religious and Ethnic Diversity in 2011, and in 2012 she was a Visiting Researcher at the CUNY Graduate Center and at the University of London. Her research areas are: globalization, religion, migration, with a particular interest in transnational connections between Australia, Brazil and Japan. Her publications include: *The Diaspora of Brazilian Religions* (with Manuel Vasquez, Brill, 2013), *Buddhism in Australia: Traditions in Change* (with Michelle Barker, Routledge, 2010), and *Zen in Brazil: The Quest for Cosmopolitan Modernity* (Hawaii University Press, 2006). She is the editor of the *Journal of Global Buddhism*.

Enlarging the Kingdom. African Pentecostals in Italy a documentary by Annalisa Butticci and Andrew Esiebo, 2013

The screening of the documentary will be followed by a Q&A session with one of the directors, Dr Annalisa Butticci, Harvard University.

Enlarging the Kingdom explores the encounter, interactions, and conflicts between Catholicism and African Pentecostalism. By putting in conversation Nigerian and Ghanaian Pastors and Catholic Priests, the documentary looks at their diverse understanding of evil forces, authorized and unauthorized forms of relating to the Divine, the making of idols and icons, religious leadership and authority, women's access to the pulpit and religious politics of the Italian Nation State. *Enlarging the Kingdom* offers a unique insight into the challenges of African Pentecostals in Italy and the role of Pentecostal Churches in African immigrant communities.

Dr. Annalisa Butticci is a Marie Curie fellow at Harvard Divinity School and Integon, Utrecht University, the Netherlands. Her main areas of interest include Charismatic Christianity, Visual and Material Culture of Religion, African Diasporas, Gender, and Multimedia Research Methods. She is currently working on her book project on Nigerian and Ghanaian Pentecostalism in Italy and on her research and film project on Deliverance and healing in Post-Colonial Africa, with a special focus on Nigeria. On these topics she has published several articles and a co-authored book (with Enzo Pace) on Pentecostal Religions in Italy.